GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Nonresident Waterfowl Licenses Chapters 41:06:02:03, 41:06:16 and 41:06:49

Commission Meeting Dates: Proposal May 7-8, 2015 Custer State Park

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NONRESIDENT WATERFOWL WORK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Add Spink County to current 9-county northeast SD license unit.
- 2. Retain the allocation of 500 3-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
- 3. Allocate 2,000 10-day licenses for the NE SD license unit.
- 4. Allocate 1,750 10-day licenses for the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE SD and SE SD license units.
- Remove Potter County from the central SD 3-day license unit.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- Create a new NR license unit in northcentral SD that would include Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Faulk, Edmunds and McPherson counties.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA) unless the license allocation comes from the current license allocation for the NE SD unit.
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- 7. Allocate 250 3-day licenses to this new unit in north central SD that would be transferred from the central SD hunting unit.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- 8. Reduce the license allocation for the central SD hunting unit to 1200 licenses.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- Transfer 50 3-day licenses from the central SD unit to the existing 5-county unit in southeastern SD along the Missouri River.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- 10. Absorb the current Bennett County 10-day license into the unit comprised of that part of the state not included in the NE and SE units.
- 11. Remove the restriction in SE SD on nonresidents hunting during the September Canada goose hunting season.
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA)
 - Opposed by Hesla (SDWF)
- 12. Create 100 NR youth waterfowl licenses (25 season-long licenses in the SE SD unit and 75 10-day licenses valid in the rest of the state).
 - Opposed by Dieter (SDWA) unless the youth license are made valid only for the youth waterfowl hunting season

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Create 100 nonresident youth licenses that are valid for the youth waterfowl hunting season.
- 2. Establish the fee for any nonresident youth waterfowl license (Under 16 years of age) at \$10.
- 3. Amend 41:06:16:11.01 by removing allowances for unsold licenses to be transferred between units:

41:06:16:11.01. Nonresident waterfowl license purchase restrictions -- Unsold licenses and unit transfer dates. A person may purchase only one nonresident waterfowl license for the fall-winter general waterfowl season each year; however, if licenses remain unsold after October 31, an unlimited number of nonresident waterfowl licenses may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis. After October 31, any unsold licenses in Units NRW-00A or NRW-11A may be transferred to Unit NRW-00B. After November 15, any unsold licenses in Unit NRW-00Y may be transferred to Unit NRW-00X with the same provisions as Unit NRW-00X licenses.